

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the office action mailed June 16, 2005. Claims 1-15 and 17-30 remain under consideration in the application. Claims 1-15 and 20-30 stand allowed. Claim 16 has been cancelled. Claims 17-19 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, and claim 17 has been amended to overcome the objection. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination of the application is respectfully requested.

The invention relates to a method and apparatus for removing a kind of distortion from a photograph taken with a tilted panoramic camera.

In the claims:

Claim 16 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (U.S. Pat. No. 6,552,744) in view of Koide (U.S. Pat. No. 6,711,284).

Claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer, rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 17-19 have been objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. The examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 16. Claims 18 and 19 depend from claim 17 in their original form. Applicant believes this amendment overcomes the examiner's objection.

Applicant believes this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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